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 SYSTEM  
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AMENDMENT & REPLY

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on May 13, 2003, please reconsider the  
 above referenced application based on the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please replace claims 1, 3-8, 10, 16, 24  
 and 31 with the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The  
 changes are shown explicitly in the attached Version With Markings to Show Changes  
 Made.

Please cancel claim 27.

1. (Twice Amended) A truck, comprising:  
 a body (having a cab, an exterior cargo bed behind the cab, side walls on left  
 and right sides of the exterior cargo bed to serve as boundaries of the exterior cargo bed)